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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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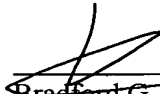
Sir:

By communication from the Patent Office mailed June 4, 2002, the subject application was withdrawn from issuance after payment of the issue fee for interference purposes. On June 16, 2003, the Examiner notified Applicant that the application was suspended on July 2, 2002 "since a reference relevant to the examination of the subject application may soon become available." Applicant was informed that suspension would be for six months and after that time Applicant could inquire as to the status of the application. A status inquiry was filed February 13, 2003 responsive to the first-received Notice and a second Inquiry, responsive to the Notice mailed June 16, 2003, was filed on December 22, 2003.

Another Notice was received from the Office dated January 29, 2004, stating that on June 12, 2003, the application was suspended "since a reference relevant to the examination of the subject application may soon become available" and that upon expiration of the period of suspension, Applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application. A status inquiry was filed August 10, 2004.

On October 8, 2004, a third Notice was received, again citing the expected availability of a potentially relevant reference. Applicant is now requesting the fourth status inquiry into the suspension of the subject application. This application was suspended initially on June 4, 2002, almost three years from the date of this Inquiry, due to the expected availability of a potentially relevant reference. Given the amount of time that has passed with no action on this matter, and no such relevant reference communicated to the Applicant during the suspension period, Applicant respectfully requests that the suspension be removed and the application be allowed to proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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